

80th. (To the Pasha of Egypt.) The Directoire of the French Republic has on several occasions requested the Sublime Porte to punish the beys of Egypt for the damage which they have caused to French merchants.

The French Republic has decided to send a powerful army to put a stop to the piracy of the beys of Egypt. You, who should be the master of the beys, but whom they hold powerless and without authority at Cairo, should greet my arrival with joy. Come and meet me, therefore, and join me in cursing the unholy race of the beys.

July 1st, off Alexandria:

The expedition went off Alexandria at dawn. An English fleet, described as very strong, was here three days ago, and left a packet for transmission to India.

Admiral, we have not one moment to lose. Fortune has given me three days; if I don't profit by it we are lost.

To-morrow I must be in Alexandria.

The wind very strong and the sea very rough; I decided, however, to land at once. We fought the day in preparation*.

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